

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3, 7, 10, and 12 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US 6,318,055 to Bird. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 4 and 5, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 has now been amended to include the subject matter of claim 4 and claim 4 has now been cancelled.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic conference would be useful in furthering the present application toward allowance, the undersigned attorney would welcome such a call.


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Respectfully,

  
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